

Report to the Lake County DCC

Date: October 5, 2017

RE: Summary of Congressman Garamendi's activities for the month of September 2017

- **Upcoming Events:** Congressman Garamendi will attend our Barbeque next Sunday.
- **Media appearances & speeches:** Congressman Garamendi appeared on these networks – CNN; NEWS Radio KFBK, FOX news, HLN & MSNBC to discuss DACA, Health Care reform, President Trump's address to the UN and North Korea.
 - He hosted two telephone Town Hall meetings to discuss Graham-Cassidy. These were also streamed live.
 - He provides weekly updates on his Facebook page that you can stream, and writes a monthly column for the Davis Enterprise, which you can access on his Facebook page.
 - The Congressman was a guest on the Situation Room to speak about Facebook's decision to hand over more than 3,000 ads it sold to Russian-linked accounts to the U.S. government for review. He argued that our campaign finance system is broken stating that now, foreign entities are buying social media advertisements to influence our elections. The Congressman urged campaign finance reform now to protect our democracy from those who seek to corrupt it, both domestically and abroad.
- **Legislation:** Congressman Garamendi
 - supported emergency relief legislation for Hurricane Harvey destruction.
 - issued a statement, and attended a community event promoting the "Energizing American Shipbuilding Act." Congressman Garamendi was presented with the Alan Hirsch Maritime Award for his dedication to the American Maritime industry at this event.
 - met with his Agriculture Advisory Committee about the contents of the Farm Bill.
 - strongly opposed the Republican Health Care plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with "Trumpcare 3.0" [Graham-Cassidy]. He warns that the repeal effort may appear again, but that the Affordable Care Act can be strengthened by good legislation from Congress.
 - took to the House Floor to implore the House to immediately debate and vote on a relief package to help Puerto Rico recover from hurricanes Maria and Irma.
 - urged President Trump to preserve DACA, and called on House and Senate majority leadership to immediately schedule a vote on the American Hope Act, H.R. 3591, which would protect DREAMers in DACA from deportation and harassment.
 - strongly opposes the Trump Tax plan as it will increase the deficit, and not help working men and women.

- **Environment:** Congressman Garamendi...
 - continues to oppose the Twin Tunnel project and has requested that Congress hold an oversight hearing into the misuse of taxpayer funds in this project. He urged Californians to move forward on a water plan that addresses all of California's future water needs - one that does not include the twin tunnels, and fully utilizes Proposition 1 funding. The Congressman states, "Californians must continue to conserve water, build water storage facilities above and below ground, recycle water and improve the health of California's watersheds. It is time for our great state to come together and address its water needs in a comprehensive manner."
 - met with leaders with Vulcan, Inc. in Seattle to discuss how technology can transform the government's approach to combatting wildlife trafficking and illegal fishing worldwide.
 - spoke before Club Demeter, a group of fruit and vegetable growers from France, who are promoting innovation in agriculture and responsible water resource management.

- **Korea:** Published the following, "My message to the President is simple: tweet softly and carry a big stick. No one carries a bigger stick than the United States, and we should put bombastic rhetoric aside and get every party to the negotiating table to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula." He urges quiet, strong negotiations and diplomacy as a solution to this dangerous situation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Congressman John Garamendi – Ex Officio Representative